

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) An outside mirror for a motor vehicle comprising:

a mirror foot fastenable to the vehicle, said mirror foot having a sleeve;

a mirror carrier fastenable to the mirror foot so as to be capable of swivelling about a swivelling axis;

5 a first detent element associated with one of said mirror foot and said mirror carrier, said first detent element ~~having a spring force upon moving the first detent element from a rest position~~ being flexible such that said first detent element deflects when said mirror carrier engages said mirror foot, whereby said first detent element generates a spring force to maintain said mirror carrier with a specific initial tension elastically against said mirror foot;

10 a first detent contour associated with the other of said mirror foot and the mirror carrier, said [[the]] mirror carrier being fastenable connected to [[the]] said mirror foot by virtue of a latching of via engagement of said first detent element ~~in the~~ with said first detent contour;

15 a second detent contour associated with the mirror foot, the position of the mirror carrier relative to the mirror foot being securable secured at at least one defined swivel angle ~~by virtue of a latching of the~~ when said mirror carrier engages said second detent contour ~~to the mirror carrier, wherein the~~ said sleeve being located within said mirror carrier when said mirror carrier engages said second detent contour of said mirror foot, said mirror carrier being movable in a direction of said swivel axis, in the latched state of the first detent element is displaceable counter to pressure of [[the]] said spring force at least far enough in the direction ~~of the swivelling axis for the~~ such that said mirror carrier to be unlatchable from the disengages

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said second detent contour through via swivelling of the said mirror carrier about said swivelling axis when a force is applied to said mirror carrier.

2. (Withdrawn) An outside mirror according to claim 1, wherein said mirror carrier or the second detent contour comprise at least one sliding surface extending obliquely from the bottom up relative to the swivelling axis whereby said mirror carrier upon unlatching from said second detent contour is pressed in the direction of the swivelling axis.

3. (Withdrawn) An outside mirror according to claim 1, wherein the first detent element in the latched state is movable in the manner of a preloaded spring element into engagement with the first detent contour so that the first detent element in the latched state braces the mirror carrier with a specific initial tension elastically against the mirror foot.

4. (Withdrawn) An outside mirror according to claim 1, wherein said first detent element has spring characteristics wherein upon a relative movement between said mirror carrier and said mirror foot in the direction of the swivelling axis a corresponding, oppositely directed restoring force may be generated through elastic deformation of said first detent element.

5. (Withdrawn) An outside mirror according to claim 1, wherein the first detent element and the first detent contour each comprise a detent portion which, during latching, comes to rest against the respective opposing detent portion, wherein at least one of the

opposing detent portions extends in a reference plane, which extends at an angle α of 1° to 89° ,
5 relative to the reference planes defined by the swivelling axis.

6. (Withdrawn) An outside mirror according to claim 5, wherein the angle α is an angle
of 40° to 50° , relative to the reference planes defined by the swivelling axis.

7. (Withdrawn) An outside mirror according to claim 5, wherein the detent portion of
the first detent element and/or the first detent contour is formed, at least in sections, by a
conical wall portion.

8. (Withdrawn) An outside mirror according to claim 1, wherein the first detent
element includes a detent tongue with a first end coupled in an elastically sprung manner to the
mirror carrier or mirror foot and with a second end which is latchable into the first detent
contour.

9. (Previously Presented) An outside mirror according to claim 1, further comprising:
a circular symmetrical retaining element in the form of a sleeve connected to said mirror
foot, said retaining element extending in a direction of the swivelling axis for fastening the
mirror carrier to the mirror foot, said retaining element being insertable by a free end into a
5 functionally complementary recess of the mirror carrier.

10. (Previously Presented) An outside mirror according to claim 9, wherein the sleeve in the lateral surface has at least one substantially U-shaped notch, thereby forming a detent tongue of said first detent element.

11. (Previously Presented) An outside mirror according to claim 9, wherein the first detent contour is formed by a substantially conical wall portion in a recess of the mirror carrier.

12. (Original) An outside mirror according to claim 9, further comprising: guide surfaces disposed in the recess for receiving the retaining element, the guide surfaces including protruding guide lugs whereby a swivelling motion of the mirror carrier on the retaining element may be guided in a radial direction substantially without play.

13. (Withdrawn) An outside mirror according to claim 1, further comprising a protruding lug movable into engagement in an opposing groove, the lug for limiting a swivelling motion of the mirror carrier, the lug being movable into contact with the ends of the groove disposed as a swivelling limitation on the mirror carrier or mirror foot.

14. (Withdrawn) An outside mirror according to claim 1, wherein the mirror carrier or mirror foot are manufactured substantially completely from plastics material as injection-moulded parts.

15. (Withdrawn) An outside mirror according to claim 14, wherein the mirror carrier is a substantially one piece structure or said mirror foot is a substantially one piece structure.

16. (Currently Amended) An outside mirror for a motor vehicle comprising:

a mirror foot for fastening to the vehicle, ~~[[the]]~~ said mirror foot having a sleeve with a first detent element having a spring force upon deflection from a rest position;

a mirror carrier with a recess having a first detent contour, ~~[[the]]~~ said mirror carrier being ~~fastenable~~ fastened to the mirror foot ~~by virtue of a~~ via the deflection of said first detent element to pass said first detent contour to provide ~~[[and]]~~ a subsequent latching of said first detent element to said first detent contour to assume a latched state, ~~[[the]]~~ said mirror carrier being rotatable about a defined axis of rotation when said mirror carrier is in said latched state, said first detent element exerting in the latched state being movable in the manner of a preloaded spring element while initial tension with said first detent element in engagement with the first detent contour so that the first detent element in the latched state braces the mirror carrier with ~~a specific~~ the initial tension elastically against the mirror foot;

a second detent contour associated with the mirror foot, the position of the mirror carrier relative to the mirror foot being secured at a position with a defined swivel angle by a latching of said second detent contour to the mirror carrier, ~~wherein the~~ said mirror carrier in the latched state ~~being of the first detent element to said first detent contour~~ is displaceable counter to pressure of the initial tension spring force at least far enough in the direction of the ~~swivelling axis of rotation such that~~ [[for]] said mirror carrier ~~to be unlatched disconnects~~ from

said second detent contour to allow ~~movement of~~ said mirror carrier to rotate about said axis of rotation from said position with said defined swivel angle.

17. (New) An outside mirror for a motor vehicle comprising:

a mirror foot for fastening to the vehicle, said mirror foot having a sleeve with a first detent element exerting a spring force upon deflection from a rest position;

a mirror carrier with an inner surface, said inner surface defining a recess having a first detent contour, said first detent element being flexible to generate a snap in retaining function as said mirror carrier is connected to said mirror foot to assume a connected state, said first detent element engaging said first detent contour in said connected state, said mirror carrier being rotatable about a defined pivot axis when said mirror carrier is in said connected state, said first detent element in the connected state being movable against said spring force while in engagement with said first detent contour such that said first detent element in the connected state braces said mirror carrier with a specific initial tension elastically against said mirror foot;

a second detent contour associated with said mirror foot, the position of said mirror carrier relative to said mirror foot being secured at a position with a defined pivot angle via connection of said second detent contour to the mirror carrier, said mirror carrier in the connected state being movable counter to pressure of the spring force in the direction of the pivot such that said mirror carrier disconnects from said second detent contour to allow said mirror carrier to pivot about said pivot axis.